DECEMBER 2017 UTILITY BILL INSERT ALMIRA TOWN HALL -639-2601

<u>PURCHASE YOUR DOG TAGS.</u> <u>FEBRUARY 1ST A \$10 LATE FEE WILL BE</u> <u>ADDED. ENCLOSED IS THE FORM</u>

A FEW REMINDERS:

IF YOUR DOG POOPS ON THE SIDEWALK DOWNTOWN PLEASE HAVE THE COURTESY TO CLEAN IT UP.

DO NOT USE OTHER CITIZEN'S OR BUSINESSES DUMPSTERS OR TRASH CONTAINERS WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION. IF YOU HAVE EXTRA TRASH, BAG IT AND SET IT NEXT TO YOUR CONTAINER.

DO NOT DRIVE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S YARDS, THEY DON'T DRIVE IN YOURS. BE RESPECTFUL.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING: Todd Bodeau was present to discuss finances with Council regarding the cemetery and the Cemetery Endowment donations. A member of council will attend the twice yearly meetings of the Endowment Committee to keep both groups informed of what is going on.

Steve Marsh, TD & H was in attendance to let Council know that the project was progressing on schedule. The plan was to advertise in March, award in April and begin work in May.

NUISANCE REPORT: There was to be a Nuisance hearing but the individual did not show up.

<u>UPDATES BY STAFF:</u> : We received a \$250 risk management grant to pay for more of the roof repairs and a \$95 scholarship for the Financial Essentials Workshop that Jeanette attended. These were from AWC RMSA.

Publications have been posted regarding the CDBG grant.

Brent and Darrell repaired a water leak over by Well #2 the day before Thanksgiving.

Brent has been working on grant applications for USDA for the purchase of the side by side and tractor. We are eligible for 55% grant funds on this project. Brent has sought out bids on several different pieces of equipment.

Side by Side: John Deere - \$12,580, Bobcat - \$16,184 and Can Am \$14,185.

Tractor: John Deere 38 HP \$22,812, 25HP Kubota - \$18,360, 35HP New Holland - \$21,600 and 40 HP New Holland - \$22,720.

Additions such as sweeper and plow were discussed. Darrell made a motion to get a package deal price from John Deere for the next meeting. It was decided to meet again at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 15th to make the final decision.

At the meeting on the 15th the package price was \$55,503 with 55% being grant funds. Council voted to move forward with the project and to borrow money from the Water Fund for the Equipment Fund until grant and loan funds became available.

OLD BUSINESS: Sunset Solar: An email was received from Kathleen letting us know that she was still having problems getting components to complete our order. She anticipated them being shipped by Christmas. She had spoken with Darrell prior to Thanksgiving and told him the order would be shipped by the end of that week.

TIB – We were not awarded any TIB funding this year.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Ordinance 538, the budget for 2018 was presented and approved

Resolution 2017-104, Vacation Carry Over was discussed and approved

Resolution 2017-105 the 2017 Budget Amendment was approved.

Weaver Exterminating is increasing their prices \$30 per service visit. Marvin wanted to contact the company that does rodent control for the grain elevator and have them give a bid also.

January Adjusted Hours: (Possible/Maybe) January 1st – Holiday January 15th – Holiday January 18th – Closing at 3 p.m.

SNOW PLOW GUIDELINES: Parking on the street is prohibited. Alleys must be kept at a 20' width. Please check your alleyway to make sure it is free and clear by removing all clutter, including all overgrown bushes, shrubs and trees. If a car is parked on the street the snow plow will not clear that side of the road. There will not be a second trip if the plow comes by before vehicles are moved. The same applies to parking in the alleys.

*Snowmobiles are permitted only on arterials, only at a slow speed, only to get in and out of Town.

*Leaving faucets turned on slowly during low temperatures can help avoid frozen pipes

IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY ALARMS AT THE SEWER PLANT , RESERVOIR OR WELLS PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS TO REPORT IT! 977-1218 – Brent Robertson 639-2221 or 977-1217 – Darrell Francis 641-0942 – Mayor Einar Larson

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